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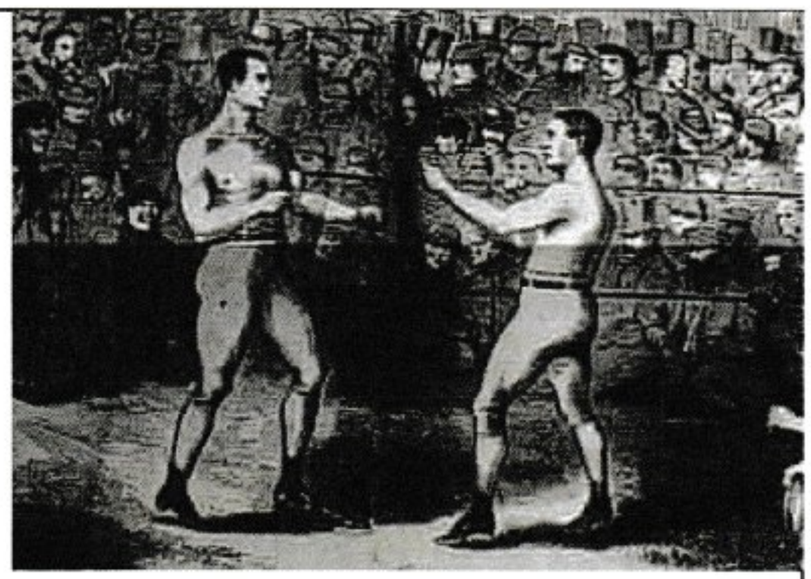
Ray Robinson stops Beckett



That is the headline on the April 21 1950 issue of the Associated Press.

The article reads " Sugar Ray Robinson, the welter-weight champion, showed young Cliff Beckett how to box, feint and counter-punch before putting him out for keeps late in the third round.

Beckett, of Sudbury, Canada, was bleeding profusely from cuts over his left eye and the back of the head when Referee Mutt Schwatz called a halt with 1:45 gone in the third.

The non-title fight, which drew 2,231 fans, was scheduled for ten rounds.

Sugar Ray simply timed himself in the first round, hardly moving a glove while Beckett tried to force the fighting—but managing to connect only with a few lefts that Robinson took on his gloves.

In round two, Robinson began clowning around; once again picking off Beckett's ambitious lefts with his gloves, Midway, Robinson went to work with a flurry of lefts and then a straight right to the jaw. Beckett went down for nine. That's when he cut the back of his head.

Robinson took things easy until the beginning of the third, before he repeated his left-right flurry—this time for good.

The clincher was another straight right. Beckett got up somewhere around the nine or ten count, blood streaming from the cuts. He was obviously in no shape to continue and Referee Schwartz took only a passing look at him before raising Robinson's arm in token of victory."

Cliff Beckett's debut fight was at the Maple Leaf Gardens on October 6, 1944 against Jackie Bell.
Cliff's last fight was April 21, 1950.
Cliff fought 35 bouts in 187 rounds.

Turn to page 4 to see why I have included this story in Irondale's newsletter

17 (11 KOs) | 15 (8 KOs) | 3

His record shows as

SUSIE'S THOUGHTS ....

As we enjoy the beautiful days in Irondale ... Let us remember those men & women who sacrificed for us.

Drop in to the Irondale church property (1019 Elm Rd) —walk among the flags and explore the NEW displays inside the church.

Special speaker—Sun Nov 3, 1pm sharp

Event on all week—10am to 4pm.... Nov 2 to 11

NO ADMISSION

Tape Solutions for Hunting Boots

The problem: Lacing hooks are commonly built into hunting boots to help you pull them on and adjust them over a hunter's uniform of thick socks and long underwear. The problem is that these hooks tend to lose their hold on laces after a while. Often that happens exactly when you most need your boot to be securely tied, such as when you're dragging a buck down a steep hill through tangles and over wet logs.

The fix: To remedy this, simply apply a strip of duct or other waterproof tape over the knot and lace hooks before you leave camp. Camo tape is always an appropriate colour for this application, and hunter orange in another good option. The tape will hold the laces in place until you're ready to take your boots off, put your feet up, and toast the end of a long and hopefully fruitful day in the field.

Article by Big Game Editor Drew Myers, Ontario Out of Doors magazine, Hunting Annual 2014-2015

While looking for a picture to accompany the article above—I found another helpful tidbit.

If you are hunting or hiking in deep snow without gaiters to keep the snow out of your boots, put a few wraps of duct tape around the top of your boots. It will keep the snow from getting in, and making for an uncomfortable day.

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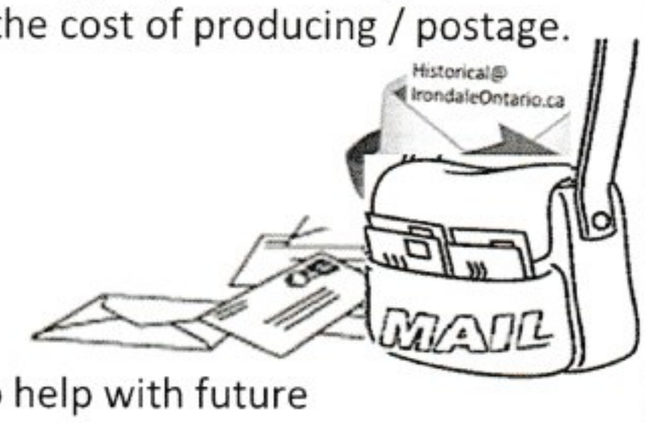

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This hit me …

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you.

You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them.

You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around.

You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk.

So don't wait to be kind.

Don't wait for someone else to be kind first.

Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change.

Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs.

copied from Facebook

POPPY BANNER

Many ladies have helped making poppies over the last couple years. They have made 680 individual flowers.

Esther can be seen here showing Carol how to sew them on the material.

The waterfall of poppies will be on display at the November exhibit titled "Service, Courage and Sacrifice". Drop by Nov 2 to 11 to view and appreciate the number of individuals from the area that have served our country.

Sunday Nov 3 at 1pm, special guest Belinda Wilson will present **"In the Footsteps of Heroes" at 1pm**. —a 15-day trip through Northern France and Belgium, exploring Canadian battlefields, memorials and cemeteries from both World Wars … photos, stories and songs to take the audience on a journey through time and tears.

Hope to see you there.

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Thank you to Jane Wilson for sharing this puzzle with us. Your job—using the prices listed, match the closest to the item. No peeking ahead of time, answers can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Susie's Musings

Courage isn't having the strength to go on … it's going on when you think you don't have the Strength.

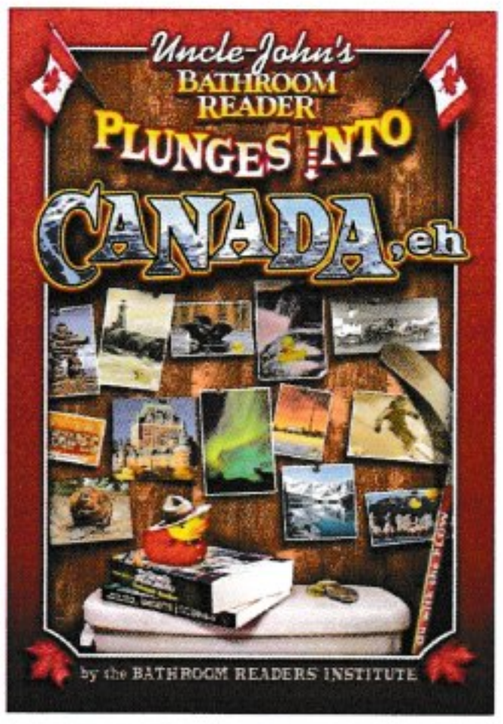
The strongest people are not the ones that show us their strength - but the ones that fight there battles without showing us their strength.

Being rich is not what you have in your bank account, but what is in your heart.

When the heart and mind conflict, listen to you gut.

WORLD CAPITALS

Have you ever wanted to visit the world's blueberry, kissing, or root cellar capital? Well, you don't have to travel overseas for that because many of them are right here in Canada.



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Chainsaw Capital of the World: Hope, BC
Fruit Stand Capital of the World: Keremeos, BC
Swan Capital of the World: Fraser Lake, BC

The above article and the one below were both taken from Uncle-John's Bathroom Reader Plunges into Canada, eh. 2010 by Portable Press.

Real or Rumour?

Rumour: Tim Hortons adds nicotine to its products to make them addictive.

True? No

The story: Almost every mainstream brand gets this sort of rumor attached to it at some point, but this one seems completely unnecessary. The caffeine in coffee and the fat in fast food are already sufficiently addictive.

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Why Cliff Beckett story?

The Simmons family have 'known' for years that one of their relatives was a professional boxer and had actually fought Sugar Ray Robinson. So I set out to figure it where Clifford Beckett fit into the whole Simmons tree.

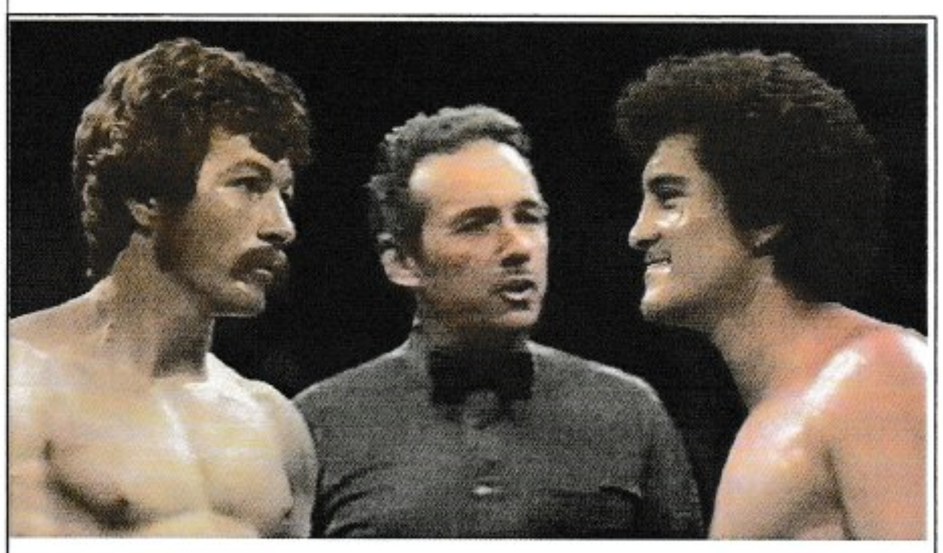
Mary Farlow (1821-1890) was married to William Simmons (1820-1845). When he died, Mary married George Edwards (1801-1877) who had several children from his first marriage. Mary and George had several children of their own as well as raising Mary's two children, Ann Jane and James Simmons.

George's oldest child from his first marriage—Mary Ann Edwards married Craven C. Beckett.

Mary Ann's son Jarrett Beckett married Minne Mary Green. This couple had five children. It is their fourth child, a son, Clifford Beckett (1918-1969) that was the professional boxer.

Clifford Beckett is buried in the Kinmount Cemetery.

The Simmons family had a story passed down through the ages, that a cousin had fought Sugar Ray Robinson. Certainly had a lot of truth, just took a bit of work to find out where cousin Cliff Beckett fit into the tree.



Cliff Beckett on the left Sugar Ray Robinson on right

Another newspaper article ....
The Colorado Statesman, Volume LV, Number 30, May 25, 1946

Colorado Athletic Club's Big Boxing Show To be Top Event,
Fri., May 31 at Auditorium.

The Colorado Athletic Club pledged itself to bring to Denver professional boxing of the highest caliber. That is what we have done and will continue to do. In booking the main event for the May 31st show, we were fortunate in securing the two best and outstanding white middleweight boxers, CLIFF BECKETT, Canada's Champion, who will box ten rounds with IRISH BOBBY SEAMON, of New York. CLIFF BECKETT of Sudbury, Ontario, one of the most colorful fighters fighting today, is a consistent punch thrower with a lethal loft hook that has been sending his opponents into dreamland. IRISH BOBBY SEAMON, a stablemate and sparring partner of Rocky Graziano is an aggressive two fisted milling type of fighter who never lets his adversary set. Eastern promoters have bid for this match, the first meeting of these boys rate them as potential contenders for the crown.
The preliminary back-up card will be in keeping with the main event.....

Community Crossroads — Kinmount Fair — Aug 30 to Sept 1

Irondale was well represented at this year's fair as one of the many displays. We enjoyed sharing tidbits of history and answering the questions with the many visitors.

The children that stopped by were very happy to accept one of the souvenir frisbees.

A few more individuals were garnered for our Service, Courage & Sacrifice display in November.

A big thank you Brenda Stahl, George and Glenda Simmons that spent some time with the display over the weekend.

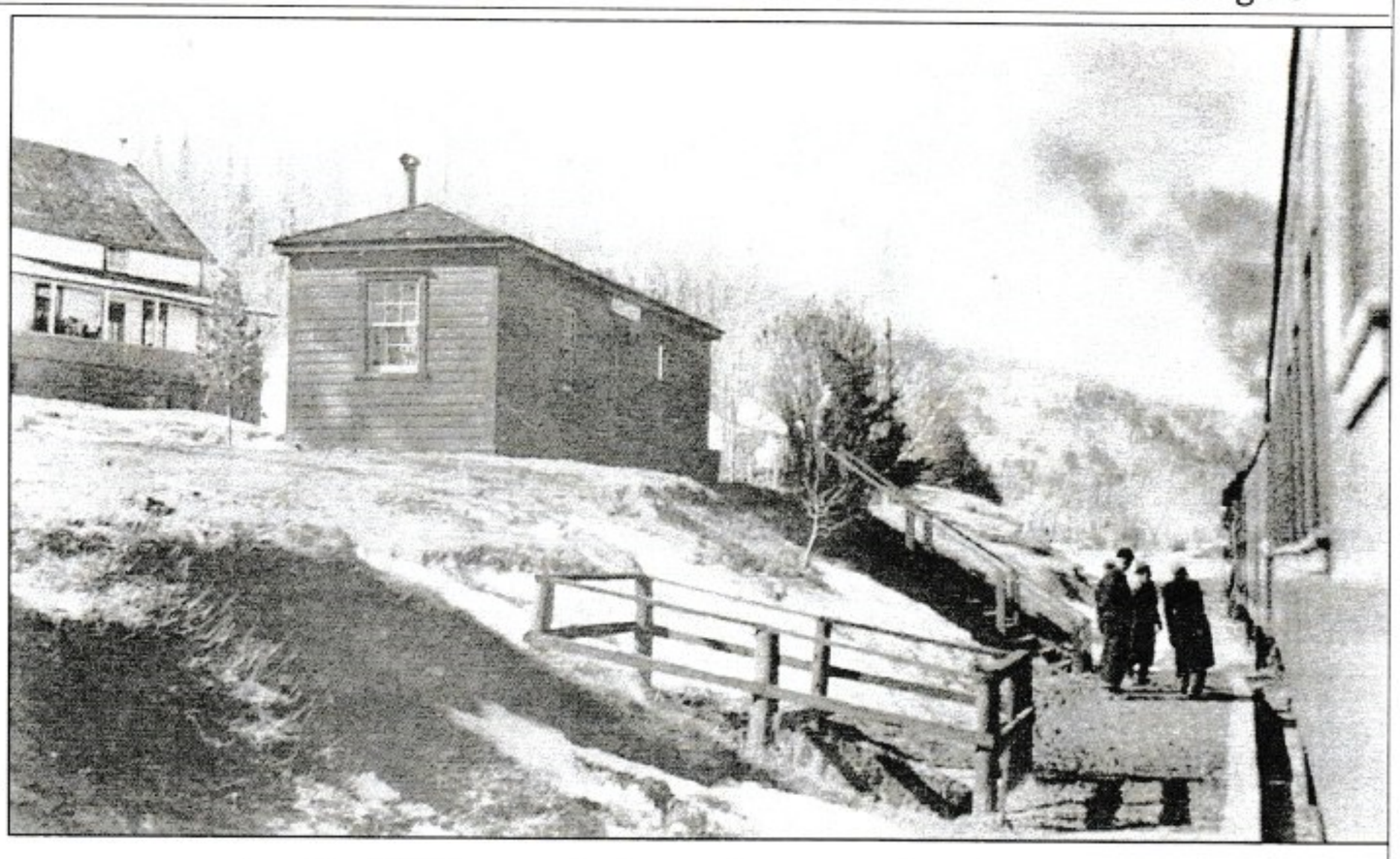
Very much appreciated.

Price is Right Answers — How did you do?

New Car $3500; New House $19800; Yearly Wage $6600; Dozen Eggs $.54; Hamburger $.30; Movie Ticket $1.04; Postage Stamp $.04; Hourly Wage $1.25; Gallon of Gas $.30; Loaf of Bread $.26; Gallon Milk $.52; Lb of Bacon $.60
Well ... how many did you get right?

Compliments of the Maryboro Lodge Museum

Stories of the IB&O Railway at Baptiste, by Guy Scott



The height of land west of Baptiste Lake had one of the steepest railway grades east of the Rockies. The maximum recommended grade on railways was 3%, or 3 feet of rise for every 100 feet of track. The terrain was so rough between Highland Grove and Baptiste that the tracks hugged the shorelines of three lakes (Jordan Lake, Diamond Lake and Baptiste Lake), the theory being that the shorelines were the only level spots around, and it was easier to fill in the shore lines than the valleys and gullies between the hills. At Baptiste Hill, the grade was 3.5%, and it was necessary for the IB&O to park the train on a siding, haul half the cars up the hill, and return to haul the other half up in a second trip!

One time during this operation, the cars broke free from the engine and rolled back down the hill. A section crew was replacing a rail near the bottom of the hill. They were several minutes away from completing the task when they noticed the runaway cars coming down the hill. They calmly finished their job with the hurtling train coming at them. The rail was just nailed down when the cars passed safely over the rail, knocking the crew's hand car into Baptiste Lake and eventually rolling to a stop. It was easier to fish a handcar out of the lake than half a train!

In 1890, an IB&O engine did end up in Baptiste Lake. It slid off the track and into the nearby lake. The insurance agent was called, verified the loss and paid up. After the cheque was cashed, the IB&O crew managed to lift the old engine out of the lake, repair it and with a new name it rejoined the meagre fleet. In fact, derailments were so common on the IB&O that the train crews carried equipment to fix derailments as best they could.

On one winter run, the engineer noticed the tender was not aligned properly to the engine. Closer inspection revealed the wheels of the locomotive were not even on the rails. The engine must have hit ice on the track and jumped off the track. By the marks, they estimated that the engine wheels had travelled off the rails for at least 4 miles. Not to be beaten by such a 'minor' issue, the crew used jacks to raise the locomotive up and back on the rails. The train went on.

During a particularly bad tent caterpillar infestation, an IB&O locomotive started slipping on the rails. The crew unhitched the cars and ran the locomotive up and down the line squashing the caterpillars. With the newly improved traction, the train continued.

Wild Raspberry Jam

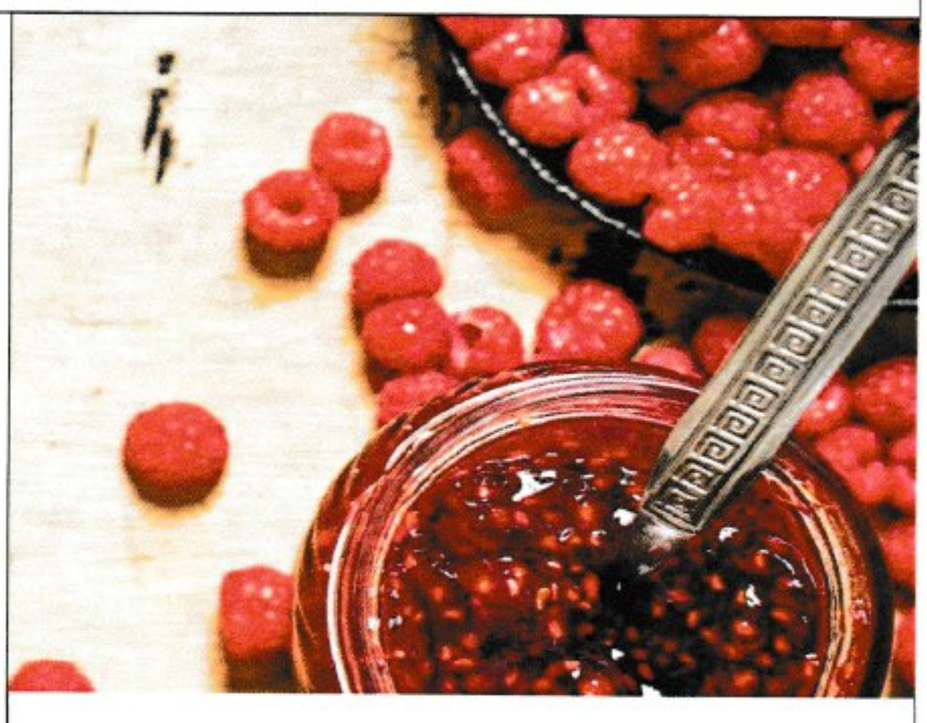
SERVINGS: 12 RECIPE BY RIKKI FOLGER COOKING TIME: 30 MIN

Ingredients

- 3 cups wild raspberries
- 1 tbsp white distilled vinegar
- 4 cups water
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- ½ tsp kosher salt

Directions

1. Place raspberries in a bowl with water and vinegar, let soak for 20 minutes.
2. Rinse berries, making sure to remove any debris and dry as much as you can.
3. Add rinsed berries and sugar to a bowl and mix well. Let sit for 30 minutes.
4. Heat Dutch Oven on the stove over medium heat and add berry mixture. Cook for 15 - 20 minutes or until desired consistency.
5. Add lemon juice and salt, stir well.
6. Remove jam from heat and let cool.
7. Once cool you can serve immediately or keep in the fridge for two weeks



Recipe found in the July 2024 edition of the Indigenous Family Literacy Circle Newsletter

The winners of the 2024 Salerno Lake Photo Contest are...

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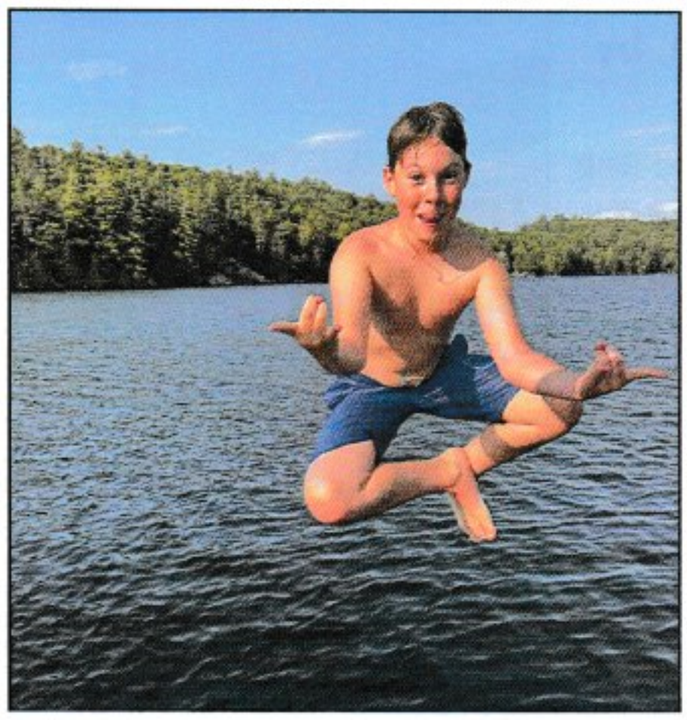
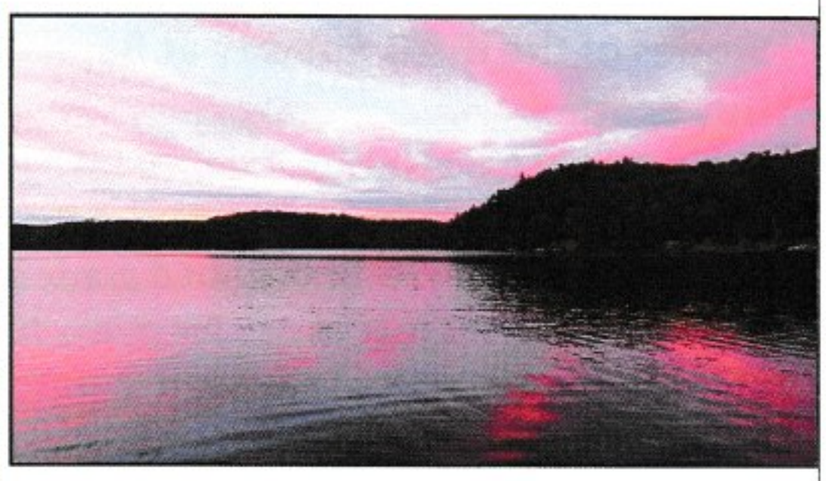
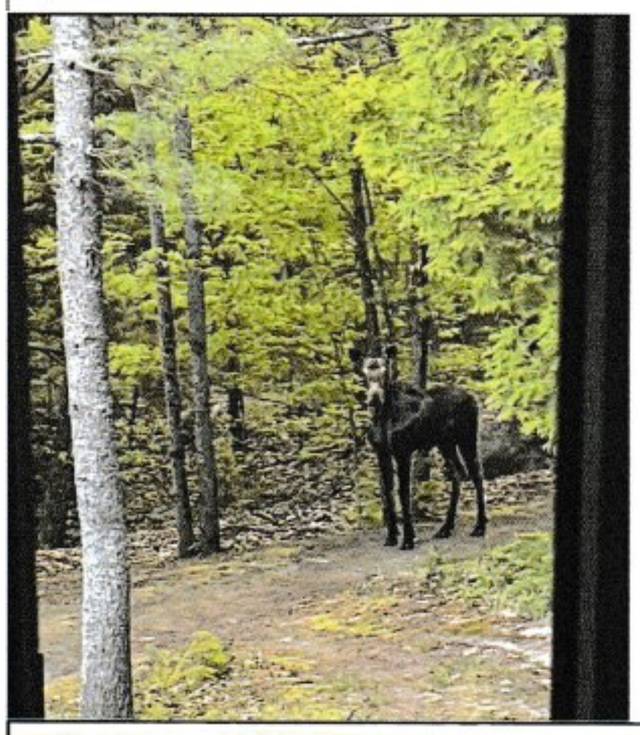
by Rosalie Brown

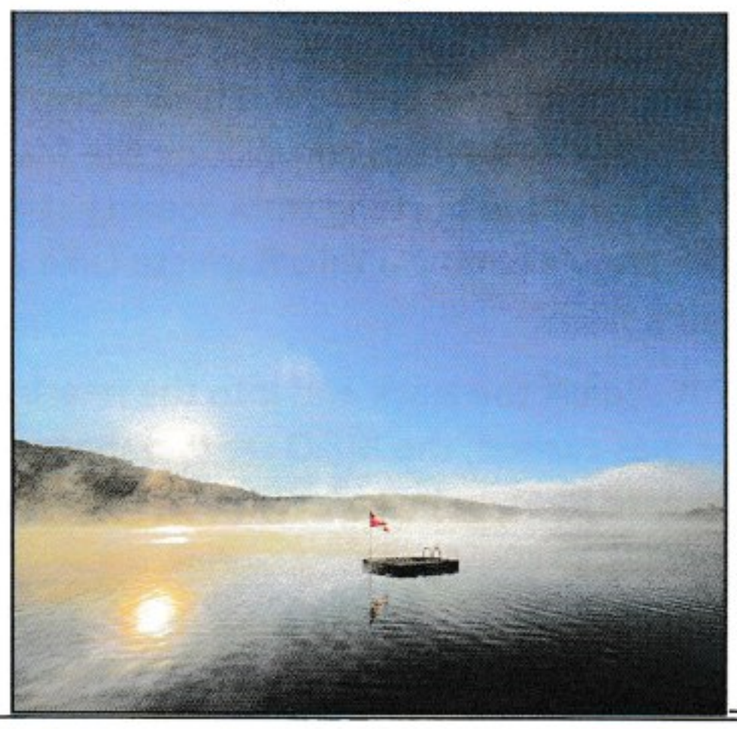


SECOND PLACE—Budda Boy
by Marily Howes



THIRD PLACE—Pink Sky by Sam Joseph

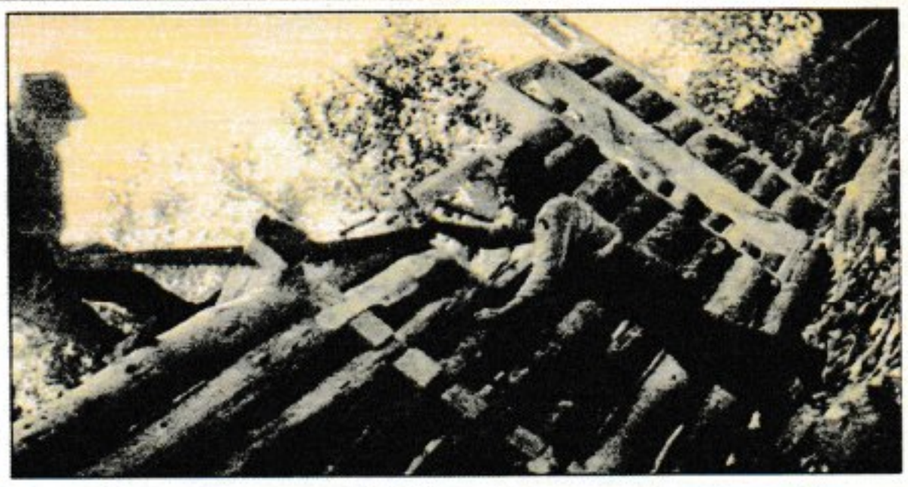




The Executive of the Salerno (Devils) Lake Cottagers' Association thank all those who submitted their amazing photos. In total 43 submissions!
Thank you, as well, to our talented judges—Jacqueline Proud, Barbara Gordon & of course, photographer extraordinaire, Kevin Pepper.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS -
Far left—Mabel the Resident Moose by Joan Kott
Near left—Misty Morn by Denise Currie

Highlander history



Photos submitted by Tom Kott

Top: John J. Snor and Corelia Johanne Snor, centre, with others at their cottage. Top right: Two men saw logs on a cabin. Above: Two horses on the property.

In love with Bark Lake

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Salerno Lake cottager Tom Kott's grandparents were Dutch immigrants, but somehow they fell in love with the Bark Lake area. In the 1940s, the couple purchased property which is now part of the Bark Lake Leadership Centre and built a cabin. It still stands, but is deteriorating.

John J. Snor and Cornelia Johanne Snor first settled in Hamilton and travelled extensively across central and northern Ontario. John was instrumental in the development of Holland Marsh, a wetland and agricultural area just north of Toronto.

Kott isn't sure how they came across the property in Irondale. It was a vacation spot for the well-to-do family.

John passed away in 1956 and his wife followed 20 years later.

Kott's mother's grandparents first bought a cottage property on Salerno Lake, formerly known as Devil's Lake, in the 1930s before his grandparents acquired the property at Bark Lake.

In 1950, his parents purchased a cottage lot on Grace Lake in Wilberforce. He has been cottaging in Irondale ever since he was a baby. Eventually, he and his wife Joan purchased their own cottage.

The Bark Lake Leadership Centre first opened its doors in 1948 as a training centre for men. Four years later it became coed.

We invite you to submit newspaper or magazine articles that you think our readers would find interesting,

George Simmons thought this newspaper article about the beginnings of Bark Lake may be of interest to some.

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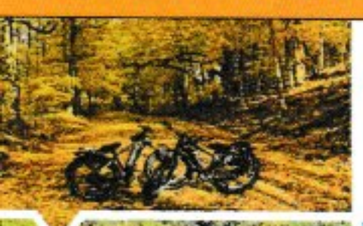

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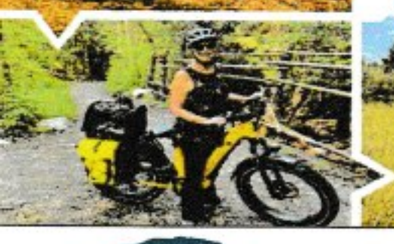

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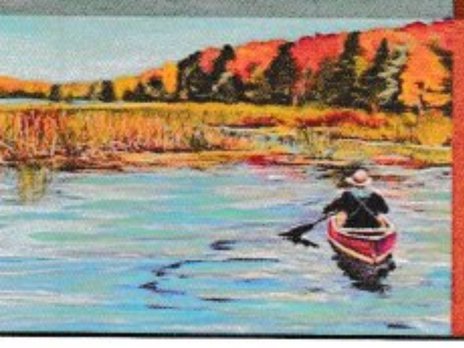

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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

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Sat. Nov 9	Traditional way to end the season ... Dinner at the Irondale Community Centre. Menu has yet to be planned. Doors open at 5, Dinner at 5:30. $25 per person *B.L.C.D. event*
December	We wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas. All the best that 2025 can bring.
2025	**Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available — call/text 705-457-8438**
	2025 **Happy New Year**
	Being negative only makes a journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it. ~ Joyce Meyer
Feb 8	**Lunch**— make your choice from the menu— two soups, several sandwich fillings and desserts available to choose from. Tea, coffee, pop, water available. Doors open 11am to 1pm $15 per person Served while supplies last. Takeout available.
Mar 15	**Breakfast**— make your choice from the menu— bacon, sausage, peameal with fried or poached eggs, toast, tea/coffee. Doors open 9:30am to 11am. Invite your friends and neighbours to join you. $15 per person Served while supplies last.
Apr 26	**Victorian Tea**—Fancy sandwiches, homemade scones, delightful desserts. $25 per person You must preorder & pay for tickets. Held at the historic Irondale church property at 1019 Elm Rd. 11 am sitting.

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